

## Friday News 4.4.25

It has been a couple of very busy weeks at school! Year 6 have enjoyed an amazing trip to **Thorpe Woodlands**, which they shared with their parents in their Class Assembly yesterday. They have also been to the **Theatre Royal** in Bury St Edmunds to see the performance of the Tiny Plays Project. We were very proud of Josh James, whose play was chosen from Great Waldingfield and was the first to be performed. Antarctica Class have also been to the Theatre Royal to see the Gruffalo. We also celebrated 128 children achieving the Green Reading Award – an amazing result!

We walked the whole school to the Church on Tuesday for our **Easter Service** where every class took part and the singing was some of the best I have ever heard. We are all looking forward to a rest over the next couple of weeks and are hoping that this lovely spring weather holds for the holidays.

### Return to school

**School restarts on Tuesday 22nd April.** We hope you have a good break and maybe take part in some of the interesting opportunities below:

### Easter Workshop at Great Waldingfield Church

Rev'd Faith is holding a Children's Easter Workshop on Monday 7th April from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Gt Waldingfield Church. There will be crafts, stories and an Easter Egg hunt.

Please book with Rev'd Faith Marsden on 01787 312002 or [femarsden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:femarsden@hotmail.co.uk)

### Free Events in the Easter Holidays.

There are lots of free events taking place locally in the Easter Holidays. The Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds, where two of our classes enjoyed visiting last week, are running a Bloom Festival with free workshops for children. See their website for details: <https://theatreroyal.org/news/bloom-festival-2025/>

FirstSite Gallery in Colchester are also running a series of free events for families to take part in. Pop in or visit the website for more details: [https://firstsite.uk/event\\_categories/holiday-fun/](https://firstsite.uk/event_categories/holiday-fun/)

Suffolk Libraries are also holding lots of different events around the county. Their website has more information at: [https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/events?5e94c774\\_page=2](https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/events?5e94c774_page=2)

The Department for Education is funding a Holiday Programme of activities. These are free for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. For more information see their website <https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf>

### Attendance

We achieved **90.8%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week. Year R are our attendance champions with **97.1%**, well done Year R! They were followed by Year 5 with 93.8% and Year 1 with 92.3%.

We are hoping that the last of the winter illnesses are now at their end. Bring on the Summer Term! #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### **Safeguarding**

The school will be closed during the Easter holidays and the phones and emails will not be monitored. If you are concerned about the safety of a child during this time in an emergency contact 999 in other situations, please call Customer First on 0808 800 4005.

### **Class Photos**

We have class photos the first week back on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure your child has a school jumper or cardigan on this day. Either plain navy or with school logo.

### **School Nursing Team**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 9am the School Nursing Team will be coming in to school to talk about ways of managing and understanding children's emotional regulation. We hope that as many parents as possible can make it. We will be offering refreshments! If you would like to come along, please book your place via <https://forms.office.com/e/9aZu5Sg54p> so that we know how many chairs to put out and how many biscuits to buy! We look forward to seeing you.

### **And a few reminders.**

Please do not park, or walk through the **staff car park**, at any time unless you are using the disabled space. Staff arrive and leave at different times of the day so to ensure the safety of your children please always use the pedestrian path and gate.

Don't forget to book **wrap around care** for next term. Our breakfast and after school club is very popular and sessions must be booked and paid for in advance.

Have a very Happy Easter everyone!



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*"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them"*

MATTHEW 19:14